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DoD extends 25th ID

TIKRIT, Iraq – Today, the Department of Defense announced the extension of Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division and the 25th Special Troops Battalion, which includes the 25th Infantry Division Band, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. The units will be extended for about 45 days.

“The Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and the 25th Special Troops Battalion have performed magnificently in Iraq through the past seven months. I am extremely proud of everything they have done and accomplished in Iraq,” said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. “I am sure that they will continue to excel throughout the remainder of the deployment and remain proud to do their duty in the Global War on Terrorism.”

The extension will affect approximately 1,000 Soldiers from the Hawaii-based unit currently serving in Iraq. All of the Soldiers extended in this action were deployed to Iraq in July-August 2006.

Although the Department of Defense may, at a later date, decide to extend or accelerate deployments for additional units, the only Hawaii-based units affected by today’s announcement are the Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division and the 25th Special Troops Battalion.

“The rear detachment and supporting staff at Schofield Barracks are fully prepared to assist Soldiers’ families through the entire deployment and extension time period,” Mixon added.

“I encourage all our families to use our family readiness group and rear-detachment assets to assist them in every way necessary,” Mixon concluded.

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